

**U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
PROGRESS POLLUTION REPORT**

I. HEADING

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Subject: Frontier Chemical Processes, Inc., Niagara Falls,
Niagara County, NY - Cyanides, Oxidizers, Flam-
mables, Corrosives, Halogenated and
Non-Halogenated Solvents

POLREP NO: Seventeen (17)

II. BACKGROUND

SITE/SPILL NO.:	AY
D.O. NO.:	0026-02-036
RESPONSE AUTHORITY:	CERCLA/SARA
NPL STATUS:	Non-NPL
START DATE:	December 22, 1992
APPROVAL STATUS:	Authorization of Funding from Deputy Regional Administrator
STATUS OF ACTION MEMO:	Signed May 17, 1993

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III. RESPONSE INFORMATION

A. Situation

1. See Polrep #1.

B. Actions Taken

1. No PRP contractor activity occurred on site. The PRP contractor, EWT, was demobed on January 7, 1994 by the PRP committee due to excessive delays and expenditures. Drum removal activities were halted while the PRP committee assessed the project with their contractor. PRP continued to negotiate a new contract with their contractor for the completion of the drum removal.
2. EPA coordinated the continuing drum enforcement activities; processing formal and informal FOIA requests, assisting ORC with the processing of UAO recipients, managing numerous PRP requests for updates, and coordinating with the PRP designated coordinator.
3. EPA continued to work on the tank PRPs with TAT. Numerous files were input into the tracking computer program, DBase. Approximately 1,693 PRPs have been identified for the tanks on-site. TAT continued to compile the data from the final series of tanks and completed the tank PRP list.
4. TAT and a representative from the PRP committee conducted a physical inventory of the drums remaining on site.
5. ERCS continued to provide maintenance and conduct winterizing activities. Due to the freeze/thaw weather conditions, numerous steam pipes ruptured; ERCS personnel promptly effected repairs. ERCS also continued to overpack leaking drums as necessary.
6. ERCS continued to collect and treat site stormwater runoff prior to approved discharge to the POTW.

7. Waste shipments to date:

Date	# Of Loads	RCRA TSDF	Comments
12/10/93	2	APTUS	Flam. Liquid/Solid
12/10/93	1	APTUS	Lab Packs
12/16/93	1	ENVOTECH	Non-Haz Liquid/Solid
12/17/93	2	OMNI	Flam. Liquid
12/17/93	1	APTUS	Flam. Liquid/Solid
12/18/93	1	ENVOTECH	Non-Haz Liquid/Solid
12/18/93	1	APTUS	PCB/Poison
12/19/93	1	ENVOTECH	Non-Haz Liquid/Solid
12/21/93	1	ENVOTECH	Non-Haz Liquid/Solid
12/22/93	1	APTUS	Flam. Solid
12/27/93	1	ENVOTECH	Non-Haz Liquid/Solid
12/28/93	1	ENVOTECH	Non-Haz Liquid/Solid

C. Future Actions

1. Maintenance of the facility and 24-hour security will continue.
2. The EPA and TAT will continue to compile PRPs for the forthcoming tank removal action.
3. The PRP contractor will remove to complete drum removal activities.

D. Key Issues

1. As part of the negotiated AOC, EPA will continue to provide maintenance support to the PRP contractor.
2. EPA continued to process information requests as PRPs telephone requests, and mail FOIA requests to the EPA-OSC.
3. The PRP committee demobed their contractor due to cost and time overruns. This caused delays in the completion of the drum removal while a new contract was negotiated.

IV. COST INFORMATION:

<u>Amount Obligated to ETI</u>	ETI Region II Contract Costs As of 12/17/93	Total Remaining
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\$ 1,135,000	\$ 1,130,000	\$ 5,000
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<u>Amount Obligated to Present Contract (OHM)</u>		OHM Region II Contract costs as of 2/28/94	
\$ 400,000		\$ 310,000	\$ 90,000
* EPA/TAT Costs	\$ 420,300	\$ 375,000	\$ 45,300
Site Totals	\$ 1,955,300	\$1,815,000	\$ 140,300

* Note \$ 211,700 funds from EPA and TAT were transferred into ERCS mitigation ceiling.

